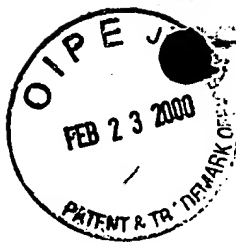


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

98. A system, comprising:

a storage device storing a program;

a processor in communication with said storage device, said processor operative with said program to:

receive a conditional purchase offer including an offer price from a customer for purchasing goods or services;

receive a payment identifier specifying a financial account for use in providing